

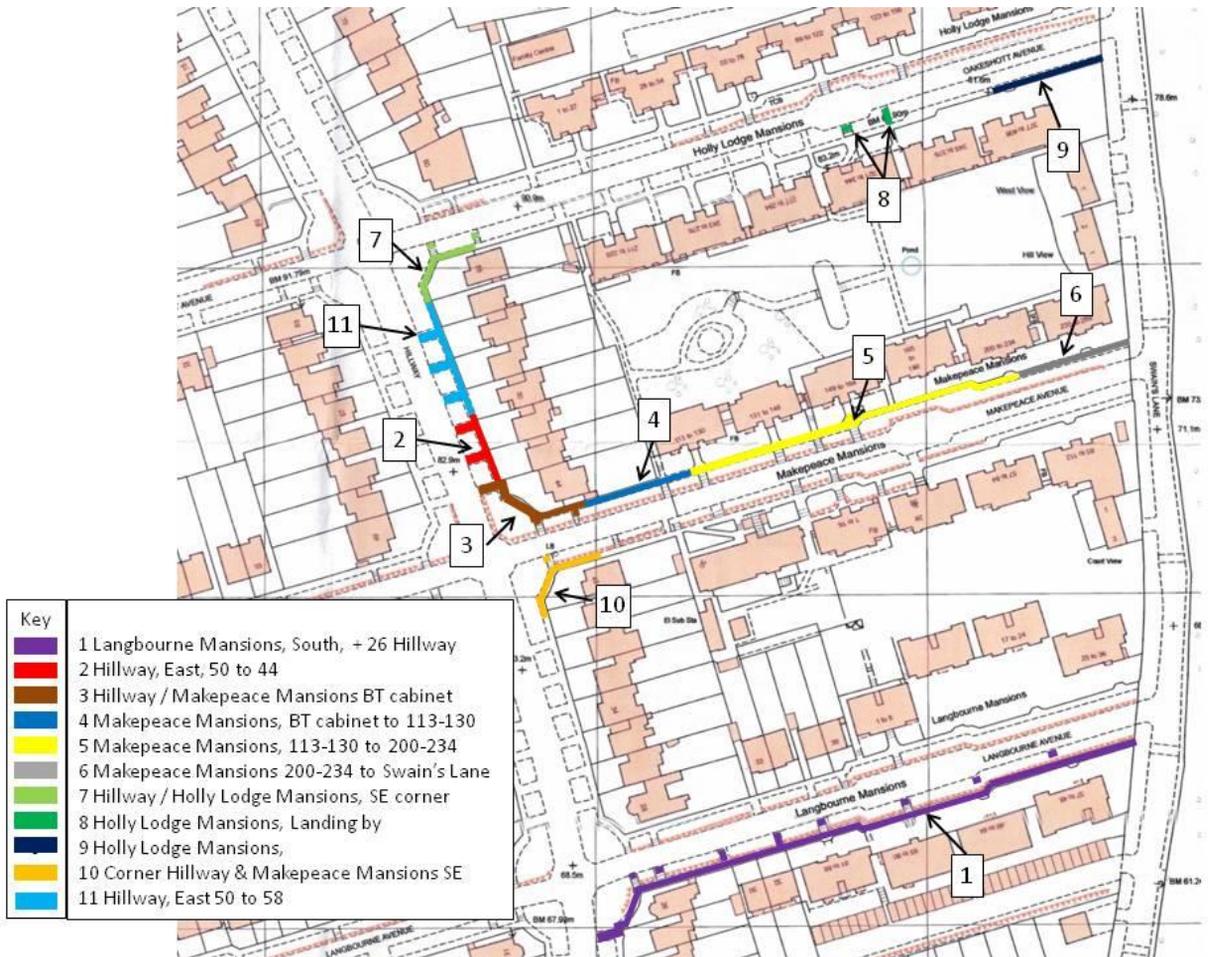
THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016

RESURFACING OF FOOTPATHS

Starting Monday 3rd October and lasting approximately 4 weeks the following footpaths will be resurfaced;

- Langbourne Mansions, south side, full length
- Hillway, outside 26 (corner with Langbourne)
- Makepeace Mansions, south side, by 42 Hillway
- Makepeace Mansions north side, full length
- Hillway, outside 44 to 58
- Holly Lodge Mansions, south side, 2 landings at top of steps and last 43m to Swain's Lane



The work will take place Mon-Fri commencing in Langbourne and gradually working northwards. Some parking areas will be suspended to facilitate the work, these will be clearly signposted in advance. Access to houses / mansion blocks may be temporarily restricted whilst the existing surface is removed and the new surface laid, etc.

If anyone has any special requirements or events in October that may be impacted please contact the Estate Manager

REFURBISHED LAMP POST

Some of our longer standing residents may remember the old lamp posts which were replaced in the 1990s. Olive Gatenby, a then Trustee of the Estate, managed to save one of them and it had pride of place in the ornamental garden at the top of Hillway until recently. It didn't have any electricity to it and was looking very tatty with the glass diffuser broken and paint peeling. So, during the pergola building we removed it and the Estate staff worked hard to refurbish it and reposition it in the bed next to the Estate office where it is now wired up to electricity. The Committee had a 'grand switch on' where Olive and her husband John were invited to pull the switch and then there was light!



PARKING PERMIT RENEWALS

We are half way through renewing the old yellow parking permits which will become obsolete shortly. Please do let Barbara manager@hle.org.uk know if you have changed your email address since you first applied for a permit so you will get the renewal email and do help her by returning your renewal application as soon as you receive it please.

BEAT THE BURGLAR EVENT

Your local NHW coordinators organised this event recently with our dedicated ward officer. It was very well attended and proved to be very useful in imparting information about how to protect your property. PC Hounsell shared recent crime statistics and we were pleased to hear that we are still a very low crime area.

PARKING AT BOTTOM OF HILLWAY

We continue to find people from further up the estate parking at the bottom of Hillway. The parking rules state that 'Vehicles must be parked as close as reasonably possible to their property so as not to inconvenience other residents.' Most of the residents at the bottom of Hillway do not have drives and parking is very congested there already so we please ask that you do not park your car there as it is becoming impossible for the local residents to park anywhere near their homes. You may, of course, use the 2 hour zone.

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DOG MESS

We are experiencing a lot of dog mess again on the verges, in the parks and even on some residents' doorsteps! This is most unpleasant for the groundsman who trim and mow the grass as it flies up into their faces and particularly unpleasant for those affected residents who have to clear up mess on their drives and doorsteps. Please can you make sure that you are aware at all times of where your dogs are and make sure you pick up after them. There are dog bins throughout the estate and you can put bagged mess into the normal bins too – so there is no excuse for dog mess being left lying around. Please help us to keep the estate pleasant for all. Thank you

OVERHANGING GARDENS ONTO FOOTPATHS

Please could you check your front gardens and make sure that none of the plants overhang onto the footpath. There should be enough space to get a double buggy or a wheelchair through and in some places this certainly is not possible.



The Holly Lodge Community Centre at 30, Makepeace Avenue

Our Monday Lunch club is going very well with an average of 20 – 30 people coming along to enjoy a freshly cooked three course meal with tea and coffee. Our lovely cook, Cecelia, is passionate about well cooked, healthy food, and her meals are great!

We have only been able to begin this valuable club thanks to the generosity of Holly Lodge residents who have begun donating a small, but regular amount of money each month to help pay for this. As you know, things are becoming increasingly expensive, and we would be extremely grateful for new donors to set up a direct debit so that we can continue to offer this facility at minimal cost to the people who come along to socialise over a good meal.

We have a new donation page on our website which enables us to collect gift aid on every donation. Please do take a look if you think you can help – every pound counts.

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Also, please remember that our new look hall is perfect for parties, meetings, classes and workshops, and is a bargain to hire at just £25 per hour. Enquiries can be made by leaving a phone message on 020 8342 9524 or emailing us at hollylodgelondon@hotmail.com

Finally, look out for us at the Waterlow Park celebrations on September 17th – we will have a Victorian style stall selling cakes, preserves and other interesting items – come and see!

Barbara Smith



A NOTE FROM OUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Recently the Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe and the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan agreed to introduce a second dedicated ward officer (DWO) in every ward across London by the end of 2017. We speak to Assistant Commissioner for Territorial Policing Martin Hewitt on what this means for the Met and the service we provide.

“We will be moving 260 officers into these roles by the end of this year and by the end of 2017 all 629 wards will have two DWOs which is great news for London’s communities,” said Martin. “DWOs really help build confidence within local communities and tackle issues that really matter to them. They will be named so that the community know who their ‘go to’ person is and they’ll only be taken away from responding to local concerns to deal with other policing matters as a last resort.

“This is not a totally new approach, as around 100 of our most challenging wards already have additional DWOs. This is about us improving on the existing model, to provide extra visibility and engagement where we need it most.

“We plan to distribute the first 260 DWOs where policing demand is high to ensure they’re in the right places. This will be based on information such as crime rates, anti-social behaviour and population.”

Putting the capital’s communities at the heart of policing strategy

The Commissioner and the Mayor visited Wandsworth Borough and the Furzedown Safer Neighbourhoods Team today and spoke to officers and staff about their great work before meeting some members of the local community.

In a statement given today, the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said: “As Mayor, the safety and security of all Londoners is my first priority and this starts with real neighbourhood policing. Today, I am very pleased to be able to announce the first significant step towards this, with a second dedicated PC in every London ward.

“Our local officers should be known both to the community and by the community. Their local knowledge helps to prevent and detect crime, and they are the local eyes and ears of our security services. They are essential to improving trust and confidence in our police and keeping our communities safe.”

The Commissioner added: “I’m delighted that we have agreed with the Mayor that we can start to increase the number of dedicated ward officers over the next few months. I have long said that that neighbourhood policing, and the strong links it gives us to our communities, is the bedrock on which all our work is based - that’s why we increased the numbers of officers working in our neighbourhood teams in recent years. Today’s announcement of more dedicated ward officers means that those links can be strengthened even further.”

The role of a dedicated ward officer

“DWOs provide high visibility in local communities, engaging with people to find out what concerns them and then using their problem solving skills to improve things,” says Martin. “They play a key role in delivering crime prevention advice and build relationships with residents, businesses and partners to increase trust and confidence in the police.”

What’s next

There will now be further discussions and work needed to make this change and we will have to wait and see where Camden fits into the roll out programme and how many additional DWOs posts we will be expected to grow by.

Kind regards

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